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(57) Abstract

A controlled-release dosage form of azithromycin having an improved side effect profile; a process for preparing the dosage form; and a method of treating a microbial infection, comprising administering azithromycin in such a controlled-release dosage form to a mammal, including a human patient, in need of such treatment.

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